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SUBJ: NGA INTERNATIONAL AGENDA: EUROPEAN PLANNING TRIP

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1. THE EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION (NGA) REPS KELLOGG AND BRIZIUS TO DISCUSS NGA PLANS AND ACTIVITIES AND HOW THESE WILL MESH WITH EXISTING PROGRAMS, E.G., THOSE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE U.S. STATE OFFICES. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR THIS VISIT IS ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE JANICE LYON.
2. WITH REGARD TO FRENCH CONTACTS, HOWEVER, NGA REPS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT WHILE FRANCE DOES HAVE NOMINAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (CONSEILS REGIONAUX) HEADED BY A PRESIDENT, THESE ARE NOT POLITICAL ENTITIES AS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NGA INTERESTS, AS STATE PARA ONE OF REFTEL, ARE ALL HANDLED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN PARIS. THE REGIONAL ORGANIZA-
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TIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY INSTRUMENTS TO CARRY OUT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AND HAVE LITTLE OR NO INDEPENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES. THUS THE SUBSTANTIVE OFFICES WITH WHICH NGA WOULD WISH TO BE IN CONTACT ARE BASICALLY THOSE WITH WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS LIAISON. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US, THEREFORE, HOW ROLE OF NGA CAN BE STRUCTURED TO AVOID

DUPLICATION OF EXISTING LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROJECT WITH DATAR, THE FRENCH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, WHO SUGGESTED THAT THE NGA REPS SEE PHILIPPE BRONARD, TECHNICAL COUNSELOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR REGIONAL AFFAIRS. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REACH MR. BRONARD TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.

4. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE MAYFAIR HOTEL FOR KELLOGG AND BRIZIUS FOR THE NIGHTS OF JULY 26-28. AS WE CANNOT TELL FROM REFTEL WHEN THE TEAM PLANS TO LEAVE BONN OR ARRIVE IN PARIS, PLEASE SEND ITINERARY AND CONFIRM WHETHER HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE FOR APPROPRIATE NIGHTS.
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